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TOKIO.	KOBE.
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HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH,
Hongkong Manager.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. [11

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " 6 " ... 3½ "
" — " 3 " ... 2½ "

D. W. GILMOUR,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1898. [31

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND$11,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPTORS.$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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R. SHEWAN, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
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Hongkong—Sir THOMAS JACKSON.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED-DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [9

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [10

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:—
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | D. Gillies, Esq.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. | J. T. Lauts, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [8

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON.	PEKING.
CHEFOO.	PENANG.
CHINKIANG.	SINGAPORE.
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HANKOW.	

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3 % per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 % " " 6 "
5 % " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [14

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

$4.50 @ Cask of 375 lbs. Net ex Factory.
$2.80 @ Bag of 250 lbs. "

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1900. [31

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON.....	*Japan*.....	C. K. Wright, R.N.R.	About 22nd May	...Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.....	*Coromandel**	F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	Noon, 26th May	...Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA‡	...*Rosetta*†	C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	About 26th May	...Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Clyde*	E. Street	About 26th May	...Freight or Passage.

* (See Special Advertisement). † (Passing through the Inland Sea).
‡ *Vid* NAGASAKI and KOBE.

For Further Particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. 15

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

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STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
HAMBURG, Hamburg-Amerika-Linie	WEDNESDAY, 30th May.
SACHSEN	THURSDAY, 14th June.
OLDENBURG	THURSDAY, 28th June.
BAYERN	THURSDAY, 12th July.
STUTTGART	THURSDAY, 26th July.
KONIG ALBERT	THURSDAY, 9th August.
WEIMAR	THURSDAY, 23rd August.
PRINZ HEINRICH	THURSDAY, 6th September.
PREUSSEN	THURSDAY, 20th September.
HAMBURG, Hamburg-Amerika Linie	WEDNESDAY, 3rd October.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 17th October.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 31st October.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 14th November.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 28th November.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 12th December.
WEIMAR	WEDNESDAY, 26th December.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of May, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship "PREUSSEN," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain R. Heintze, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 14th instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant.
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1900. [22

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEW ROOMS.
At Moderate Daily Rates.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

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VIOLINS, GUITARS, CORNETS,
CELLOS, BANJOS, TROMBONES,
MANDOLINES, GUITARRAS, EUPHONIUMS,
MANDOLAS, ZITHERS, CLARINETS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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"CLAYMORE."

FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

SOLE AGENTS:—
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY
HONGKONG.

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WATKINS' CROWN SODA,

GUARANTEED TO BE MANUFACTURED FROM FILTERED WATER, AND TO CONTAIN ONLY THE PUREST BICARBONATE OF SODA IN SOLUTION.

Watkins, Limited,

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

CROWN SODA WATER. SELTZER WATER. LEMONADE.
BELFAST GINGER ALE. SARSAPARILLA.
&c., &c., &c.

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UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

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SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS. of all kinds.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.....THOMAS SKINNER.
SUPERINTENDENT ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers.

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HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN

Centrally situated at PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, 1,500 feet above sea-level and 500 yards from the TRAM TERMINUS.

For Terms, &c., apply to the MANAGER.

Telephone No. 56.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1899. [432b

JUST LANDED.
EX S.S. "PRINZ HEINRICH,"
KUPPER'S
PILSENER BEER.

Telephone 75.

The most popular of light Beers: there is never any sediment in KUPPER BEER, it is always bright and sparkling

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
AGENTS.

15, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [15

WHITE WINES.

		1 doz. Bottles.	½ doz. Bottles.
CRAVES		$ 7.00	$ 8.00
DO.	"Superior"	9.00	10.00
SAUTERENE		7.00	8.00
DO.	"Superior"	9.00	10.00
DO.	HAUT	11.00	13.00
DO.	HAUT (Dubos Freres)	22.00	—

H. PRICE & Co.,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1900. [20

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTRY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHAGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.
Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale by
THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [21

TO TEACHERS.

HIBBERDINE'S ILLUSTRATED COMPOSITION SERIES
MAKES LESSONS A PLEASURE TO SCHOLARS.
To be obtained at:—
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited, Hongkong, Shanghai Yokohama and Singapore.
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Messrs. TSUI MAN KOK, Hongkong.
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Wholesale:—W. HIBBERDINE, 50, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

WANTED.

EUROPEAN MASTER, (Mate's Certificate Sufficient) and an ENGINEER for the War Department Vessel "HERCULES."
Apply to OFFICER COMMANDING, ARMY SERVICE CORPS, Fletcher Street, Hongkong, stating TERMS inclusive. Accepted Candidates will be required to enter upon an AGREEMENT for not less than 3 years.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1900. [615b

DON'T forget that the DALLAS CO. CLOSE their Season on TUESDAY.

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a CALL of $1 was made PAYABLE on the 3rd day of March, 1900, and which Call has not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.
Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per share will be charged on all Overdue Calls.

W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [506b

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTION were passed.

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of $1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of $25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of $50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of $25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of $25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of $12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [403b

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE MUTUAL STORES will occupy their New Premises, Nos. 8 & 10, D'AGUILAR STREET, on MONDAY, the 14th instant.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1900. [614b

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, (ESTABLISHED 1852), has This Day been REMOVED from No. 65, PRAYA EAST, Marine Lot 109, to Inland Lot 1,508, BOWRINGTON CANAL, near LEIGHTON HILL ROAD BRIDGE and opposite LEE YEUN SUGAR REFINERY.

L. MALLORY.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1900. [560b

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I BEG to inform my Patrons and Public Generally that I have REMOVED my Stores from No. 13 to No. 5, D'AGUILAR STREET.

H. RUTTONJEE,
5, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1900. [34

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

HENRY DALLAS'
MUSICAL & DRAMATIC
COMPANY.

LAST THREE NIGHTS.

TO-NIGHT!
TO-NIGHT!
(SATURDAY).

GRAND PRODUCTION
of the Gorgeous Drury Lane Pantomime
THE
BABES IN THE WOOD
With all the Original Songs and Music as at Drury Lane Theatre, London.

MONDAY—NEXT—MONDAY,
Grand Production for the First time in the East of the Latest and Greatest Musical Success which ran to crowded houses for over a year at Terry's Theatre, London,

THE FRENCH MAID
With New and Elaborate Scenery, Costumes and Effects.

LAST NIGHT OF SEASON!

TUESDAY,
TUESDAY,
TUESDAY,
THE FRENCH MAID,
THE FRENCH MAID,
TUESDAY,
TUESDAY,
TUESDAY,
POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.

PLAN at ROBINSON PIANO CO. Usual Prices.

Doors Open 8.30. Commence 9 p.m.

A late Tram will run to the Peak 15 minutes after the Performance.

BERTRAM HERMANN,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [617b

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THERE are Vacancies in the Sanitary Department for THREE INSPECTORS of NUISANCES on the establishment, and for ONE TEMPORARY INSPECTOR of NUISANCES.

The Emoluments of an Inspector of Nuisances are as follows:—

FIRST CLASS.
Salary.—$1,200 to $1,368 per annum by $56 yearly, with Exchange Compensation.
House Allowance.—$360 per annum.
Uniform.

SECOND CLASS.
Salary.—$960 to $1,104 per annum by $48 yearly, with Exchange Compensation.
House Allowance.—$360 per annum.
Uniform.

THIRD CLASS.
Salary.—$720 to $960 per annum by $48 yearly, with Exchange Compensation.
House Allowance.—$360 per annum.
Uniform.

The Temporary Inspector of Nuisances will receive:—
Salary $75 per mensem.
House Allowance $30 "

Further Particulars may be obtained on application to the Medical Officer of Health.

Applications with copies only of testimonials to be sent to the COLONIAL SECRETARY, not later than NOON of MONDAY, the 21st day of May, 1900.

By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th May, 1900. [620b

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [621b

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL,"

Captain F. W. Vibert, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. M. MARSHALL,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [5

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
WEDNESDAY, the 16th May, 1900,
Commencing at 11 A.M.,
In the GODOWNS of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERNED.

K H	42 Cases	JAPANESE MATCHES.
H W	113 "	DO.
H W T	79 "	DO.
T A T	37 "	DO.
T H T	35 "	DO.
T H	12 Bales	ISINGLASS.

All in perfect Order and Condition.

Terms of Sale:—Clearance within 48 hours. Cash before delivery.

Samples can be seen at the Sales Rooms, of the Undersigned, Zetland Street, No. 2.

PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [624b

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"

Captain J. Saito, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [618b

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Captain G. J. Blaxland, will be despatched for the above port, on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [619b

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDIA,"

Captain A. Martinolich, will leave for the above place, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [623b

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [622b

Intimations.

"FRENCH MAIDS" are rare in Hongkong but one will be on view at the THEATRE ROYAL, on MONDAY and TUESDAY.

EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,
Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at
BREWER & Co.,
UNDER the HONGKONG HOTEL,
Business Hours.....9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptons indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE. [580b

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

THE LEADING MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED WATERS
IN THE FAR EAST.

THE MACHINERY in use is of the latest design and most up to date character.

ENGLISH EXPERTS manage our factories, and their practical knowledge produces an article that is unrivalled for its excellence.

The Water used is the purest in the Island and is skilfully filtered on scientific principles.

We use only the best and most expensive ingredients, guaranteeing Absolute Purity.

We quote *Special Prices* to large consumers.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1900.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The War.

The advance of Lord ROBERTS is certainly most satisfactory. Yesterday we were awaiting news of a check at the Zand River, where the Boers were expected to make a determined stand, and we should not have been surprised had the British advance been stopped here for a week or so. The telegrams which we publish to-day, however, not only state that the Zand River has been successfully crossed, but that the Boer position, which extended over twenty miles, has been occupied and that the enemy is in full retreat, by three different roads, pursued by our Cavalry and Horse Artillery.

Reading the telegram it strikes one as somewhat peculiar that there should be no mention of fighting, except that in the first telegram Lord ROBERTS states that the enemy is being pushed slowly back. This shows that there must have been some fighting, but the wording of the second telegram certainly leads one to believe that the Boers had no stomach for a stiff fight and retired with but slight resistance. Such a retreat we certainly did not expect, particularly as the Zand River position is said to be a strong one, and it looks as though we were either nearing the beginning of the end or the Boers had prepared a warm reception for our troops further on. However, we must wait and see.

Health Statistics.

The Honourable R. D. ORMSBY, Director of Public Works and President of the Sanitary Board, stated at the last meeting of that body that he believed that once Hongkong was clear of plague the health of the Colony would compare favourably with that of Dublin. Here the honourable gentleman fell into a very grievous error and we trust that, despite the unkind remarks he made anent the Press at the same meeting, he will forgive us for correcting him. What Mr. ORMSBY should have said is that, given immunity from plague the death *statistics* of Hongkong would compare favourably with those of Dublin. In this statement we would have supported Mr. ORMSBY to the bitter end, in spite of his unkind remarks about us.

We wish to point out to Mr. ORMSBY in particular and the members of the Sanitary Board generally, that, as showing the healthiness or unhealthiness of the Colony, the death statistics are not worth the paper they are written upon. The Hongkong death statistics look very nice upon paper, they are carefully prepared and they serve to give employment to some clerk who might otherwise be swelling the ranks of the great unemployed, but, beyond this, they are absolutely useless and meaningless and, we fear, will continue to be so. This is not the fault of the officials, neither is it the fault of the Sanitary Board, nor of the Medical Officer of Health. In fact it is the fault of the Colony itself and this we think we can demonstrate, even to the satisfaction of the official mind.

What Mr. ORMSBY and those others who pin their faith to statistics fail to appreciate is that Hongkong is not the *home* of one tenth of its population of a hundred and twenty thousand. The Europeans do not spend the whole of their lives here and neither do the Chinese. Hongkong is, in fact, the TOM TIDDLER'S ground to which men from far and near flock to hunt the nimble dollar. The Chinese, in particular, usually succeed in the chase and, having done so, the bulk of them return to their homes. A fair proportion of the less fortunate also return to their homes—to die—and the result is that their deaths do not appear in our statistics. Then too, when Europeans or Chinese fall sick they return to their homes, if possible, and the record of their deaths is lost to us. The above statements we trust will be received as reasonable by Mr. ORMSBY and his confreres, for a moment's reflection will show that we have but stated facts.

It must be admitted, we contend, that the only true death statistics would be those connected with the handful of squatters inhabiting the Colony, for they alone are the ones who are born, live and die within the Colony. The other deaths that find their way into the statistics may be classified under the head of accidental, for the victims would have returned to their homes had it been possible for them to do so. Therefore we say that our death statistics are unreliable and will always be so. One might just as well condemn Ventnor in the Isle of Wight as a death trap, from the number of consumptives who end their miserable lives there and whose deaths go to swell the death rate of that healthy spot, as maintain that Hongkong is healthy for the simply reason that the death rate is small. The bulk of Hongkong's population only spend the prime of life in the Colony, they crawl home to die. We are sorry to deal a deathblow to Mr. ORMSBY'S rosy word-picture but, like TRUTHFUL JAMES, we "tell in simple language what" we know about it.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

THE ADVANCE IN THE FREE STATE.

THE ZAND RIVER CROSSED.

LONDON, May 10th.

A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated 10th inst., says that the British force is now across the Zand River. The enemy is still holding a strong position, but are being gradually pushed back.

EXODUS OF FOREIGNERS FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

Large numbers of foreigners are now quitting the Transvaal, including officers and ambulance men.

LATER.

LORD ROBERTS' ADVANCE.

BOERS IN FULL RETREAT.

Lord Roberts wires from Zand River, 10th inst. 1 p.m., that the enemy is in full retreat and that he has occupied their position, which extended over twenty miles. The British position was necessarily longer with a widely scattered force of Cavalry and Horse Artillery, which are now pursuing the enemy by three different roads.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

On the 12th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen in the North. The depression appears to have passed over the E. coast of China and to be now moving towards W. Japan. Gradients slight in S. China. FORECAST:—Light to moderate E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

IT is expected that Mr. John Barrett, formerly U.S. Minister to Siam, will be appointed on the American Commission to study the markets and industrial progress of the Orient.

THE *Malay Mail* says that the Resident-General has sanctioned the new electric light scheme for Kuala Lumpur. If approved of by the High Commissioner, work will commence next year.

LI LIEN-YING the favourite eunuch of the Empress Dowager, says the *Hu Pao*, died from a sudden illness while attending his mistress in the I-Ho Park on the 26th ult. His loss caused the Empress and a number of conservative officials great grief.

The Bishop of London is fond of his jest. At a club dinner not long ago he said that a club was defined as a place "where the women cease from troubling and the wicked are at rest." Old-fashioned Churchmen are apt to deprecate humour of this sort.

H.M.S. *Waterwitch* started on her steam trial yesterday and was, having returned to harbour and reported "trial satisfactory," to have left for the Yangtsze Banks. On the trial, however, she developed a defect from a heated bearing, which will delay her a couple of days.

THERE were a great number of unimportant cases at the Magistracy this morning, the smaller court sitting till past 1.30. Mr. Gompertz, in the larger court, sat in the afternoon to try an armed robbery case. It is very unusual for the court to sit on Saturday afternoon.

H.M.S. *Whiting* yesterday ran her first trip with her new crew, leaving her buoy at 9 a.m. and returning at about 3.30 p.m. All her new men formed part of the *Terrible's* contribution to the Naval Brigade in South Africa. They are all in possession of the Queen's chocolate boxes.

WE should not advise Mr. Osborne to fall ill and go to hospital just at present, or at least until his remarks at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board are forgotten. When a man describes a hospital as "nothing more nor less than a house to die in" what could be more natural than for the medical attendant to take him at his word and allow him to do so?

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:—

PROGRAMME.

March	"Osmanen"	Fetras.
Overture	"Lohengrin"	Wagner.
Selection	"Maria de Rohan"	Donizetti.
Waltz	"Honreda"	Gillett.
Selection	"Rose of Persia"	Sullivan.
Volks	"Mein Röschen"	Angler.

God Save the Queen.

M. A. P. hears that the Queen was so gratified by the warmth of her reception when she came up to London the other day that she remarked to a friend, on returning to Buckingham Palace after her drives: "I have immensely enjoyed my visit to town, and felt even happier, than on either of the Jubilee Days. For then I thought the people had come out to see the procession. But, during these two days I know that they have only come out to see *me!*"

THE "Terrible" sports, up till the time we went to press, were proving a decided success. The enclosure had been gaily decorated by the Committee and the large crowd attending seemed to be determined to enjoy themselves. The soldiers and sailors were entering into the fun heart and soul and were making the most of it. H.E. the Officer *Administering the Government* and many other notables were present. A full report will be given Monday.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

A. Hancock	$50
E. W. Mitchell	20
H. Simmins	10
J. H. Cox	10
B. L.	10
A. Shaw	10
E. W. Rutter	10
H. P. Wadman	10
G. L. Tomlin	10
G. C. Moxon	5
J. W. Kew	5
R. W. Dale	5
Heuermann Herbst & Co	5
A. Chinoy	5
W. Stuart Harrison	5

A POLICE-CONSTABLE ran amok in the Kanda district of Tokyo on the 28th ulto. He was not on duty at the time, but he had his sword at hand, and, armed with it, he sallied from his house, attacked any one he could reach, and succeeded in wounding six persons more or less severely before he could be arrested. He had been drinking heavily on the preceding night, and it is believed that he is out of his mind. After his murderous onslaught, he entered a house and asked for water, saying that he had slashed six of his friends who had insulted him at a wine-party on the previous evening. A woman was among his victims.

HONGKONG is a wonderful place for rumours. One was in circulation yesterday to the effect that a telegram had been received by the Military Authorities announcing the fact that all males between certain ages were to be supplied by a paternal government with a rifle, and ammunition *ad lib*, and were to be required to pass an examination once a year in marksmanship under the threat of dire pains and penalties in the event of failure. We can imagine the portly *pater familias* nearly dislocating his shoulder by firing his prescribed number of shots and then tearfully tearing himself from the bosom of his sorrowing wife and family to undergo his six months hard, in the event of his not scoring the requisite number of "bulls." Imagine our Sanitary Board or Legislative Council all confined in Victoria goal because they could only put up "outers." We should probably be obliged to issue a notice once a year somewhat after the following style:—Owing to the Editor and Staff of this paper having failed in their shooting we regret to inform our readers that until such time as their terms of incarceration expire the issue of the paper will be temporarily suspended. Subscriptions will, however, be charged as usual.

THERE is a remarkable *penchant* in Japan at present for casting statues of public men, and even of persons who have no title to be regarded as "public." When a leading merchant or some other magnate celebrates his fiftieth or sixtieth brithday, or when his career offers any opportunity for a demonstrations, his friends and relations combine to have him "done in bronze." It is very agreeable for the artist fraternity, but the *Jiji Shimpo* raises its voice loudly against the fashion, denouncing it as silly and extravagant. We do not altogether share our contemperary's views in this matter. Whether a man be a great celebrity or not, it is a very pleasant thing for his family to have a statue of him, and a gift of the kind assumes, in our opinion, a graceful form. If the art of painting in oils were more advanced in Japan, people might, perhaps, choose to have pictures rather than statues. But even that is doubtful, for whereas a painting in oils cannot be conveniently hung anywhere in a Japanese house, a bronze statue will stand appropriately in any alcove, and it thus appears that the statue merely takes in Japan the place of the picture in Europe or American. We certainly think any disposition to create a new demand for the products of the country's art, suffering as it does from lack of patronage, is to be applauded rather than deprecated.—*Japan Mail.*

WE have to hand an account of a "terrible" rebellion that has been reported to the Viceroy Li Hung-chang in the neighbourhood of Swatow. We gather that the ownership of a piece of land, about the size of a billiard table, came into dispute between two clans. Legal proceedings were instituted but, as is not unusual in legal matters, a long time passed before a decision could be arrived at. The chieftains of the clans determined to resort to arms and exterminate their rivals. Armed forces were engaged on either side, the renumeration settled, 300 cash per diem when not fighting and a tael a day when actually engaged with the enemy. The opposing forces were drawn up and took position behind hedges etc. and blazed away at each other—care being taken that full charges of powder should be rammed well down the barrells of the muskets and the bullets left sungly in the pockets of the brave heroes. This continued for some time without extra much blood being spilt, though many gallant deeds were done by either side. Some evil disposed person at last spread the report that the enemy were not playing the game and had cartridges with bullets inserted. This rumour spread among the opposing forces and each quietly withdrew with the firm determination to allow the law to take its course which, though slow, is sure.

THE following Act of Parliament was passed in 1454; "that there used formerly to be six or eight attorneys only, for Suffolk, and Norwich together, that this number was now increased to more than eighty, most of whom being not of sufficient knowledge, came to fairs &c., inciting the people to suits for small trespasses &c., wherefore there shall be hereafter but six for Suffolk, six for Norfolk, and two for the City of Norwich." It is interesting to note the way our ancestors dealt with the "touts," or "shyster," lawyers as the American call them, that infest all the large cities at the present time. It is impossible to say whether this ruthless cutting down of the "devils brigade" remedied matters, but it can safely be assumed that those who were left in the enjoyment of their practise "six for Suffolk, six for Norfolk, and two for the city of Norwich"—appreciated the reduction numbers.

As the late Chief Justice Smale said on admitting a gentleman as a member of the local bar in 1881, "the more the merrier, but the fewer the better fare."

It is well known that there are a great number of Chinese in Hongkong who act as lawyers but are without any qualifications. They are the persons the above Act deals with—"not of sufficient knowledge and incite the people to suits for small trespasses." A short Ordinance dealing with these "land shark brokers," as they are called, would be productive of some good.

THE Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer *Niji*, 305 tons, Capt. T. Takarabe, arrived at Singapore from England *en route* for Yokohama on 3rd inst. The *Niji* has a crew of 54, and is of 6,000 horse-power.

DURING the first three months of the current year 780 Japanese subjects landed in San Francisco, against 378 for the corresponding period of 1899, and 278 for 1898. In one month—March—there were 569 arrivals; namely, 195 by the *Gaelic* on the 14th, 205 by the *Hongkong Maru* on the 21st, and 129 by the *China* on the 31st. Among the *Hongkong Maru's* passengers 8 were sent back by the local officials, and among the *China's*, 3. There is a good deal of journalistic writing on the subject, and it is feared that an anti-Japanese demonstration may be organized.

A MR. MATSUGAME is stated to have invented a new kind of man-motor car to which he gives the name *Jinido-kwai-shinsha*. Trials were made on the 27th ulto. in the Hongo district of Tokyo. A circular track measuring 360 yards was used, and portions of it were laid with sharp turns and steep hills to make the test more conclusive. The car, which resembles a tram-car and is capable of accommodating 15 people, is said to have easily attained an average speed of 8 miles an hour when worked by three men. The working gear occupies a position in front, so that the drivers are placed as they would be on an ordinary carriage.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, May 4th.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report state:—

Since the date of our last circular there has been a much better feeling in the market, and stocks all round show a firmer tendency. The Star Ferry Company, Limited, has advertised its Second Annual Meeting for the 23rd inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 14th to 23rd instant, both days inclusive. The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, has given notice that holders of shares who wish to apply for the new Issue of Capital must register their holding on or before the 21st May. The transfer books will be closed from the 22nd to 21 inst., inclusive. Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks, after sales at 300 per cent. premium, are enquired for at 301 per cent. premium. The London quotation is £58. Nationals are steady at $28. Marine Insurances.—Unions have been bought at $250 and close in demand. China Traders have been fixed at $54½ and close quiet at $54. Cantons are in request at $130. Fire Insurances.—China Fires have been negotiated to a small extent at $80. Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Samboats have been sold and are wanted at $30½. Indo Chinas have been placed at $92 and $91½. Star Ferries have buyers at $184. Shell Transports have advanced to £300. Refineries.—We have heard of no bussiness in stocks under this heading. Mining.—Punjoms ruled weak during the early part of the week and sales were effected at declining rates down to $5½. Since the news of the crushing a reaction has set in, and shares are again in demand at $6. A telegram from the mines states: "Ten stamps crushed 1000 tons, obtained 264 ounces of gold, now ready for shipment." Jelebus are enquired for at $12½. Olivers 'A' have declined to $4½ and the 'B' shares to $3¾ owing to the receipt of the following telegram from the mines: "During April 428 tons of stone were cruished, yieiding 153 ounces retorted gold; the mill ran 25 days. We shall have to suspend crushing till better developed. It is very probable that we shall be able to resume in two months. Have called for tenders for sinking the shaft 200 feet. Short of money. Remit by telegram £2,000." Great Eastern and Caledonians are steady at 52½ cents. Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have changed hands at 490 per cent. premium. Kowloon Wharf shares have been fixed at $86. New Amoy Docks are in demand at $20½. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are firm with sales and buyers at $125. West Points have been sold at $46. Hongkong Hotels have been done at $117, and are wanted. Humphreys' Estate are easier at $11. China Providents have been sold and are offering at $10. Cotton Mills.—Quotations for the Northern Mills are taken from the latest Shanghai Circulars. In Hongkong Cottons, there is no business to report. Cigar Companies.—Are all enquired for at quotations. Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been dealt in to a fair extent at $30½. China Borneos are wanted at $20. A. S. Watsons have changed hands at $16½. Electrics have been booked at $11¾.

CANTON NOTES.

SANITARY REFORM.

Recently a Cantonese civil officer named Chan Hin Chung, on behalf of the inhabitants of Canton, petitioned the Prefect of Kwang Chau for permission to establish a Sanitary Board to supervise the cleansing of the city. The Prefect sympathised with the movement but pointed out that some time ago permission had been given to an officer named Ngi, by the late Provincial Treasurer Cheong, to establish the Board and $1,000 was granted towards defraying the expenses, but no good results could yet be seen from the movement, as the streets and narrow passages were still choked up with foul matter. He would therefore, before allowing the officer to take any further steps, communicate with the magistrates of Nam Hoi and Pun Yu districts, requesting them to report whether Ngi's Board is still in operation and how the money granted has been expended. The petition has, however, already had one good effect as when the military officers heard of it they immediately caused the filth in front of the Viceroy's Yamen to be removed.

LAU HOK SHUN'S ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

The would-be assassin of Lau Hok Shun has not yet been arrested, the officer in command of the Sé Kwan force especially being blamed for this want of success. His superiors having already marked "one great fault" he has made in his endeavours, have threatened severe punishment if he is not more successful in a very limited period. The fact that Lau Hok Shun was very impopular with the poorer classes may have something to do with his assassin being able to escape capture for so long.

Many of the Cantonese think that the officials could lay their hands on the perpetrators of many of the robberies and piracies that have been committed lately around Canton and are indignant that such a fuss should be made at the attempted assassination of an official while the lives of thousands of the poorer classes are neglected.

GUNBOAT IN COLLISION.

One of the Board of Likin gunboats while proceeding up the river to See Kong collided with a passenger steam launch while passing the mouth of the Tai Ping Shan river. The gunboat was seriously damaged. Her captain reported the matter to the authorities, putting all the blame on to the launch.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 11th instant	187
Do. do. during past 24 hours...	6
Total...	193
Deaths reported to 11th instant	169
Do. do. during past 24 hours...	7
Total...	176

OUR OWN BRADY AT YOKOHAMA.

"Bluebeard" was performed for the fourth and last time in the Yokohama Public Hall on the 28th April to a crowded and most enthusiastic house. As might have been expected, the actors and actresses showed to even greater advantage than on any of the previous occasions, and the whole piece went with a swing and *verve* that delighted the audience. Mr. Brady (*Bakemono*) showed himself incomparably the finest comic actor that has ever appeared on the stage in China or Japan. His power of facial expression, his perfect harmony of gesture and sentiment, the singular versatility that enables him to pass, without the slightest apparent effort, from emotional intenseness to the very confines of comical levity, indicate talent such as we have never before seen in an amateur and very rarely in a professional. The scene between him and *Cyclona* (Miss Lloyd Thomas) in the third act was a piece of inimitable burlesque; not mere buffoonery such as constitutes the ordinary farce, but a kaleidoscope of swift transitions from profoundly tragic pathos and fierce passion to the most mirth provoking drollery and ridicule. Such a success needed high excellence on both sides, that of Mr. Brady and that of Miss Lloyd Thomas also. A superb presence, singing deliciously, and moving with the utmost grace, Miss Thomas added to these attractions a really large measure of histrionic skill, and the law of contrasts, which is one of the too-often neglected principles of true art, was strikingly illustrated in the pictures presented by *Cyclona* and *Bakemono*—on the one hand an imperial mien, a dreamily magnificent costume, and queenly reserve; on the other, sombre homelines, the apparel of a coolie, and the insistence of a clown.—*Japan Mail.*

THE FISH PEST IN TOKYO.

The malady that has attacked fishes in the Tokyo moats and ponds is likely to prove a great calamity to the rats of the city. It has been proved by experiments conducted in Europe that the bacillus responsible for the sickness of fish under such circumstances does not assail human beings or any creature except rats. On the other hand, rats are now known to be great generators of the Pest, and medical experts are convinced that the extermination of rats would be a most important step towards the stamping out of the Pest. This problem, therefore, presents itself to be solved, namely, to find some poison which, while destroying rats, will not hurt any animal that chances to eat it and will not prove deleterious to human beings after it has been administered to rats. The bacillus of the fish plague seem to be the very agent required. It does not attack human beings or any member of the non-human species except rats. Nothing is needed then except to mix it with some edible and feed it to rats. That has been accomplished successfully in Europe, and Japanese experts recently endeavoured to adopt a similar precaution, but they found the supply of fish virus obtained from Europe lost its efficiency owing to the heat encountered in passing through the Indian Ocean. The fishers of the Tokyo moats and lakes have now furnished the necessary material, and the rats are on the eve of a fatal banquet.—*Japan Mail.*

THE BANK OF CHINA AND JAPAN, LIMITED.

The following is the report which was presented to the Shareholders at the Fifth Annual Meeting held on Wednesday th 11th April, 1900, at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C., at 11.30 o'clock, am.

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders a statement of the affairs of the Bank as at 31st December, 1899.

The Gross Profits for the year are £17,434 1s. 10d., which, after deducting all Expenses of Management and Deposit Interest, leave a net profit of £298 0s. 6d. This sum, along with the balance of £2,325 13s. 2d. from 1898, it is proposed to carry forward.

The deficiency account of the Old Bank has been reduced to £207,046 0s. 9d., a sum of £2,900 18s. 6d. having been recovered from Old Shareholders during the year.

The litigation with the defaulting Chinese Shareholders has been transferred from the Shanghai Mixed Court to Peking, where H. M. Minister is endeavouring to secure a successful result to our appeal.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York ordered a new trial of our suit in which judgment had been obtained against an American Shareholder for Calls due on his Shares, that Court having declined to follow the opinions as to English law expressed by the eminent English Counsel who gave evidence on behalf of the Bank. Against this decision the Bank are appealing to the Court of Appeal at Albany, whose decision will be final.

The Directors who retire at this time are Mr. Wm. Keswick, M.P. and Mr. F. D. Sassoon, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs, Bishop and Clarke, offer themselves for re-election for the current year.

By order of the Board,
F. C. BISHOP,
General Manager.

2nd April, 1900.

SHADE OF HAWKINS!

Mr. Harry Furniss, speaking at the Society of Arts recently, told an amusing story of Mr. Justice Hawkins. The learned judge had a horror of draughts, and used to close up every cranny of his court, to the great discomfort of everybody. Meeting a brother judge, the latter said: "Oh! Hawkins, I had a frightful dream the other night. I dreamt you were dead and taken to Woking to be cremated. I caught the last train down, and bribed an official to let me peep through one of the loop-holes of the crematorium. All that I saw was a heap of ashes, but I heard a voice cry out: 'Shut the door, Keating, there's a draught here.'"

THE SOUTH POLE.

The steamer *Southern Cross*, which was fitted by Sir George Newnes, for the scientific exploration of the South Polar regions, and which left Hobart on December 19th, 1898, has arrived at New Zealand. Mr. Borchgrevink, the leader, has sent a cable message stating that the object of the expedition has been accomplished and the south magnetic pole located. The furthest point to the south which he reached was with the aid of a sledge, establishing a record of 78·50 deg. The zoologist, Mr. Hanson, is dead. The *Southern Cross* has sailed for Hobart.

OUR CARTOON.



BIRDS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

"The Enemy is in full retreat."—*Lord Roberts' Dispatch.*

PRESIDENTUS KRUGERI. A particularly rare specimen, not, as yet, in the collection of the British Museum, though many parties are on the hunt for it. It's cry at this season of the year, like that of the Corncrake, is Trek! Trek!! Trek!!!

EXPANSION OF BANKING BUSINESS IN JAPAN.

The precatious position of some of the minor banks in the capital evokes vehement criticism. There has been a constant increase of banking institutions since the war. In 1894 the gross amount of capital of various companies stood at 249 million *yen*, of which 129 million were in the hands of banks and the remaining 120 millions held by other corporations. At present the banking capital is 455 millions, while that of the other companies is only 325 millions, leaving a balance of 130 millions in favour of the former. Below are comparative figures for the past five years:—

Year.	Number of banks.	Capital in yen.
1896	1,312	239,015,544
1897	1,603	321,593,014
1898	1,807	384,876,334
1899	2,032	438,189,469
1900 (up to March)	2,116	453,817,669

Thus the capital of banks has increased by over 100 million *yen* during the past three years.—*Japan Mail.*

NAVAL SQUADRONS IN THE FAR EAST.

The *Jimmin* gives the following comparative figures showing the strength of the Oriental squadrons of Japan, America, and other Powers:—

JAPAN.

Classification.	Number.	Tonnage.
Battleships	5	50,894
Cruisers	16	72,176
Vessels for coast defence	14	18,044
Gunboats	14	10,665
Despatch boats	3	4,273
Torpedo boats	7	4,113
Topedo destroyers	7	2,049
Total	66	162,214

GREAT BRITAIN.

Battleships	3	35,900
Cruisers	8	55,890
Gunboats	9	5,763
River gunboats	4	404
Sloops	3	3,240
Despatch boats	1	2,200
Torpedo catchers	4	1,105
Store vessel	1	1,640
Surveying ship	1	620
Guard ship	1	5,650
Vessel for coast defence	1	2,750
Total	36	113,662

RUSSIA.

Battleships	3	29,316
Cruisers	7	58,666
Gunboats	7	7,148
Torpedo boats	2	800
Total	19	95,930

AMERICA.

Battleships	1	10,288
Cruisers	3	17,265
Gunboats	13	14,482
Vessels for coast defense	2	8,128
Cruiser, unarmed	2	6,095
Transports	5	14,113
Sloop	1	1,020
Distilling ship	1	2,716
Total	28	74,507

As to Germany, the numbers of cruisers and gunboats are given at 6 and 2, with a gross tonnage of 33,784 and 1,760 tons respectively. Italy is represented as possessing 5 cruisers, aggregating 18,518 tons; Portugal has only 1 gunboat, 558 tons. Austria has only 1 cruiser of 4,064 tons.

MUTINY ON THE "AILSA CRAIG."

About 2.30 p.m. on 2nd instant the native crew or lascars of the *Ailsa Craig* mutinied and refused to work, while the vessel was passing through Singapore harbour from Manila, which port she left on the April 26th. The vessel was brought up at the quarantine station, and the police were communicated with. The Marine Police went off and put a guard to prevent any one from leaving the vessel during the night. Next morning Inspector-Branagan and the Health Officer went on board and found that 35 out of the 41 lascars had mutinied and still refused to work. The men were then landed at St. John's Island, the quarantine station, where they will have to remain for six days, as Manila is a plague-infected port. After the men have spent six days at St. John's, proceedings will be taken before the Master Attendant. The vessel was brought into port next day by the engineers and officers alone. She shipped a new crew and sailed the same evening for Marseilles. The *Ailsa Craig* has a cargo of copra on board from Manila for Marseilles.

A PROGRESSIVE AGE.

On the 8th July, 1863, the Hon. W. T. Mercer, the Acting Governor, said in the Legislative Council:—

The Surveyor General was going to build a new Court house, but he could not proceed with it during the coming year on account of other works in hand, and it had not yet been decided whether they would retain the present site or select a new one.

On the 23rd November, 1899, His Excellency the Governor said, in reference to the same matter:—

"I think we are sufficiently advanced to enable us to begin the foundations early next year."

Mr. J. Mossop, A. R. I. B. A., who has been appointed to superintend the erection of the buildings arrived here last week. Is this really the beginning of the end?

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

A London telegram, dated 4th instant, and published in the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—

The *Standard's* Odessa correspondent wires that the naval and military activity of Japan is causing much anxiety at St. Petersburg, and that the naval manœuvres are viewed with suspicious interest, and it is believed that it is covertly intended as a demonstration.

The British Government has wired up the Admiral to keep strict observation between the Island of Tsushima and Korea.

A WAR EPISODE.

A new volume of "War Sketches" just published is noticed in the literary columns of a home paper, from which we quote this:—

The story of "The Man who was Commandeered" is a really fine piece of fiction, with just that touch which makes us feel that the thing must have happened so, whether it did or not. An officer of Rimington's Guides tells the story. Knocked over by a shell at Magersfontein, he fell in with half a dozen stragglers who had captured a gunner of the Transvaal Staats Artillerie. This man turned out to be the brother of one of the soldiers, a Cockney deserter who had been tempted by the offer of "a quid a day and all found" to take service against his own country. The dialogue between this prisoner, rather glad at first to be safe out of the bullets and to meet his brother by the chance of battle, is extremely grim. As thus:—

"But 'ow's little Alf?" went on the Transvaaler.

"Oh, little Alf's all right."

"Wot's 'e doin'?"

"Oh, 'e took the Widow's shillin', same as you and me, only 'e's stuck to the game, like I 'ave."

"But where is 'e?"

"Out on the veldt catchin' flies."

"Wot d'e mean?"

"Lyin' on 'is back wiv 'is mauf and eyes open and 'is feet dam cold."

"But 'ere, I say, Jack, little Alf's all right, ain't e"?

"I told you so,—didn't I? But 'e's dead. There ain't nuffin' to be ashamed of in that, is there?"

"Good Lord!"

"Good Lord it is. 'E copped a bit of a shell. Shouldn't wonder, Bill, if it was one you fired!"

"Oh, Gawd, Jack! A bloke don't go for to kill 'is own little bruvver!"

"I don't know so much, Bill."

Then, as it dawns on the Cockney what serving against his own country really means, the informal court-martial, which the wounded officer vainly tries to prevent, is sketched in a few succinct phrases. Sentence is passed, and execution follows:—

Jack got up and leisurely fitted his bayonet. The man in the Transvaal uniform grew ashen, and half got up, but the Highlander drew him down again with a gentle yet irresistible insistence which somehow reminded me of a mother restraining her child. The man with the bayonet held out out his hand.

"Well, so long, Bill," he said.

"Jack, for Gawd's sake, don't you go for to do it. I was commandeered, Gawd's truth, I was."

"So long, Bill."

"Jack, old chum. Yer own bruvver——"

"Like little Alf. So long, Bill."

The bayonet flashed in the sun. Once, twice, thrice. And the last time what had been a scream was only a sigh, very long drawn.

A HIGH CHURCH DIOCESE.

An American bishop, while visiting in Yorkshire, had been asked to give an address at a Sunday-school. "I am the bishop of the diocese of Washington and Idaho," he said; "and, by the way, can any of you tell me what a diocese is?" Several hands were held up. The bishop nodded to a yellow haired red-cheeked lad in front. "You know?" he said. "Yes, my lord," was the reply. "A diocese is a high point of land, with a bishop sitting on top and a lot of clergymen all around."

LYNCHING.

The latest case of lynching in America ought to rouse public opinion. It occurred in Virginia. A white man and a negro were apprehended for having been implicated in the murder of two officers who had tried to arrest the negro for burglary. No doubt existed as to the speedy conviction of the negro, at all events, for he had confessed his guilt. Nevertheless, there was talk of lynching, and the sheriff obtained the services of a company of soldiers. The mob, however, was not deterred: it grew larger and threatened the troops. Then the sheriff and the county judge summoned a meeting of twenty leading citizens to discuss whether the soldiers should be sent home. The officer commanding the soldiers said that he could protect the jail but that it might entail some bloodshed and that he would have to telegraph for more troops. Nevertheless, the great majority of the twenty citizens voted to send the troops home. The officer in command telegraphed to the Governor for instructions, saying that if the soldiers were removed the negro would certainly be lynched, and the Governor's reply was that if the sheriff ordered the withdrawal of the troops, they must withdraw. The sheriff gave the order; the troops withdrew; the mob, led by an ex-judge, entered the jail unresisted, took out the negro, hanged him, emptying their pistols into his body, and then, since the negroes of the place demanded the hanging of the white prisoner also, he too was taken out and executed in the same way. These are the plain facts, incredible as they sound. It is wonderful that such incidents should occur in a civilized country. If they happened in any Oriental State, Occidentals would not hesitate to denounce it as barbarous.

A MANILA GROWL.

The head of a large shipping house in Manila writes to Mr. Poulteney Biglow:—

The rule Americans have now established of putting a customs officer at each province port, and clearing local steamers with more circumstance than the Spaniards ever used against foreign-going vessels, is, it is to be hoped, only a war precaution. If they intend to continue it after peace it will be a horrible nuisance and play the mischief with inter-island traffic. It takes all the morning to clear a small steamer to a province port—triplicate manifests and numerous oaths and various offices—and all for what? There are no duties between this (Manila) and the provinces, and *vice-versa*. Think what it might be in the hands of a disagreeable man, working small craft for short runs! The present state of thing eclipses anything we have suffered from the Spaniards, whom we were accustomed to look upon as first-class obstructionists. In the time of the Spaniards we could get to work at 6 in the morning, but now it is nearer 8. Again, the American officials don't take their midday meal at the usual hour when natives knock off at noon, when heart is greatest, and the upshot is we only get 8 hours' work out of 24. The American officials charge overtime for any work done after 11 o'clock a.m. on a Saturday and after 6 p.m. on any other day of the week.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MAY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer	29.867
Thermometer	76.2
Humidity	84.0
Rainfall	15.0

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	29.85
Temperature	80	78
Humidity	86	92
Rainfall	0.57	—

TO-DAY.

Saturday, 12th May, 1900.

Chinese—*14th of 4th moon of 26th year of Kwang-sü.*

Sun—*Rises*	5hr. 22min.
Set	6hr. 29min.
High water—*Morning*	7hr. 18min.
Afternoon	8hr. 10min.
Low water—*Morning*	0hr. 53min.
Afternoon	2hr. 1min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1809—Passage of the Douro under Wellington.
1831—The East India Co.'s garden at Canton destroyed by the Mandarins.
1832—Foo-yuen and Hoppo forcibly entered the East India Co.'s factory at Canton.
1884—Signing of the Li-Fournier Convention.
1896—Protestant Mission at Kiang-yin destroyed and looted.
[illegible] San Jan de Puerto Rico bombarded by [illegible] merican fleet.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 13th May, 1900.

Chinese—*15th of 4th moon of 26th year of Kwang-sü.*

Sun—*Rises*	5hr. 22min.
Sets	6hr. 30min.
High water—*Morning*	7hr. 42min.
Afternoon	8hr. 57min.
Low water—*Morning*	1hr. 25min.
Afternoon	2hr. 40min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1792—Pope Pius IX. born.
1832—G. Cuvier, naturalist died.
1844—Sir John Davis arrived in Hongkong.
1846—The United States declared war against Mexico.
1864—A corporal of the British Legation murdered by Chinese soldiers at Peking.
1879—Trial of the *Kate Waters* pirates.
1891—Anti-foreign riot at Wuhu.
1898—Spanish fleet at Martinique.
1898—French evacuate Kishi, West Africa, English flag hoisted.
1899—Serious railway accident at Easter U.S.A., 34 killed, 40 injured.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

9 p.m.—Mr. Henry Dallas' Company at City Hall. "Babes in the Wood."
9 p.m.—Concert in aid of Indian Famine Fund at Lusitanto Club.
9 p.m.—Concert by Minstrel Troupe of H.M.S. *Orlando* at St. Patrick's Hall.

TO-MORROW.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral:—Communion, 7 a.m., Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m.
Roman Catholic Cathedral:—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.
Union Church:—Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:—Morning Service, 11 a.m.
St. Francis' Church, Wanchai:—Mass *(Chin.)*, 6 a.m., *(Port.)*, 7:30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning Service *(English)*, 9 a.m.
St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass, 8 a.m.
Wesleyan Methodist Church:—Services, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
St. Peter's Seamen's Church:—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, 14th.

3 p.m.—Public Auction Sale of Crown Land at the Offices of the P. W. D. (Lots 190 and 198.)
3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.
Cargo ex *Kaisow* subject to rent.
Cargo ex *Gisela* subject to rent.
Mr. Henry Dallas' Company at City Hall. "The French Maid."

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Preussen*) 14th inst.
American (*Doric*) 15th inst.
German (*Sachsen*) 15th inst.
French (*Indus*) 20th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 23rd inst.
Tacoma (*Bracmar*) 26th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 29th inst.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 1st prox.

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The Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Indus*, left Singapore for this port to-day.

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The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Sikh*, arrived at Tacoma from Japan and Hongkong on the 10th inst.

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The steamer *Indus*, with the next French Mail will leave Singapore to-day, Saturday, at 7 p.m., for this port *viâ* Saigon.

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The steamer *Arndandeary*, from New York and Straits left Manila to-day and is due here on or about Tuesday, the 15th inst.

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The steamer *Royalist* from New York left Singapore on the 11th inst., at 5 p.m., and is due here on or about the 19th inst.

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The Imperial German Mail steamer *Preussen*, left Shanghai this morning, and may be expected here on or about Monday evening, the 14th inst.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Brooklyn	at	Kowloon Dock.
U.S.S. *Monterey*	"	"
H.M.S. *Orlando*	"	"
Hoihao	"	"
Progress	"	"
Taiyuan	"	"
Independent	"	Cosmopolitan "
Devanongse	"	"
Norma	"	"

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PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—2nd May—*Erzherzog, Ferdinand.* 5th May—*Dardanus, Glaucus, Asturia, Frederica, Forest Date.* 9th May—*Benlawres, Oopack, Canton, Oldenburg.*

Homeward—28th April—*Sado Maru, Konig Albert.* 2nd May—*Tonkin.* 9th April—*Annam, Java, Massilia.*

Arrivals at Home—8th April—*Orestes, Tonkin.*

Shipping.

Arrivals.

CHEANG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, 956, R. Pentney, 11th May,—Penang and Singapore 4th May, General.—Joo Tek Seng.

SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, Meyer, 11th May,—Newchwang 5th May, General.—Chinese.

LOONGMOON, German steamer, 1,245, F. Schulz, 12th May,—Canton 11th May, General.—Siemssen & Co.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, J. Bendixen, 12th May,—Canton 11th May, General.—Jebsen & Co.

WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 12th May,—Shanghai and Swatow 12th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,300, G. A. Lee, R.N.R., 12th May,—Vancouver 19th April, and Shanghai 10th May, Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co.

WONGKOI, German steamer, 1,300, B. B. Brooke Pigot, 12th May,—Bangkok 30th April, and Saigon 8th May, Rice and Flour.—Melchers & Co.

ANPING MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,053, J. Satow, 12th May,—Anping and Taiwanfoo 9th May, General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

LOOSOK, British steamer, 1,020, J. B. Jackson, 12th May,—Bangkok via Koh-si-chang 4th May, Rice and Timber.—Butterfield & Swire.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Maidzuru Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Kwai-Lum, British steam-launch, for Macao.
Hothao, French str., for Hoihow.
Ayr, British str., for Kutchinotzu.
Fukui Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.
Alboin, British str., for Bangkok.
Formosa, British str., for Swatow.
Loongmoon, German str., for Shanghai.
Siam, British str., for Swatow.
Apenrade, German str., for Hoihow.
Sabine Rickmers, British str., for Swatow.
Phra Chula Chom Klao, British steamer, for Swatow.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Tategami Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.
Risagno, Italian str., for Singapore.
Warrata, American str., for Manila.
Pak Kong, British str., for Canton.
Wuchow, British str., for Wuchow.
Cheang Hock Kian, British str., for Amoy.
Saikong, British str., for Samsui.
Hinsang, British str., for Singapore.
Wo Ping, Chinese steam-launch, for Wuchow.

Departures.

May 12, *Chusan*, British str., for Europe.
May 12, *Ballaarat*, British str., for Shanghai.
May 12, *Socotra*, British str., for Shanghai, &c.
May 12, *Taichiow*, British str., for Bangkok.
May 12, *Abergeldie*, British str., for Moji.
May 12, *Taiyo Maru*, Jap. str., for Canton.
May 12, *Alboin*, British str., for Bangkok.
May 12, *Ayr*, British str., for Kutchinotzu.
May 12, *Hinsang*, British str., for Singapore.
May 12, *Risagno*, Italian str., for Singapore.
May 12, *Fukui Maru*, Japanese str., for Moji.
May 12, *Wingsang*, British str., for Canton.

Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Wongkoi*, from Saigon—38 Chinese.
Per *Wingsang*, from Swatow—119 Chinese.
Per *Loosok*, from Bangkok, &c.—7 Chinese.
Per *Anping Maru*, from Taiwanfoo—76 Chinese.
Per *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver—Mrs. Newell, Mrs. J. M. Jenke, Messrs. W. A. Greig, A. J. Osgood and Wolde. From Yokohama—Mr. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taber, Miss Hunt and Mr. G. Stewart. From Kobe—Mrs. E. Holliday, Mr. J. Holliday, Dr. and Mrs. E. Wing, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Moss. From Nagasaki—Dr. Berlin and Lieut. A. C. McKelpey. From Shanghai—Messrs. A. J. Findlay, A. P. Stokes, A. Koppel, H. Gousberry, C. F. Robinson, C. W. Dickson, Morgan, H. Morton, Mrs. Tam Wa and infant, Mrs. H. G. Dowler, and child and 60 Chinese.

Departed.

Per *Chusan*, from Yokohama for Singapore—Capt. G. J. L. de Berry. From Nagasaki for London—Messrs. K. Yamamoto and K. Wakabayashi. From Shanghai for London—Misses Florence Cole and Simpson. For Bombay—Miss Dobson. From Hongkong for London Messrs. A. M. Grant, G. W. Thomas, J. A. Crews, M. Lim, Master Escolar, Miss M. Lambourne, Gidley, and Corporal F. W. Donovan. For Marseilles—Mr. N. Lazarus and Atkinson. For Bombay—Miss Woodman, and Mr. R. Sarafally.

Per *Ballaarat*, for Shanghai from London—Mr. Robert Staff, Mrs. H. Way and child, Lance-Corporal A. G. Parters. From Marseilles—Mr. R. Thurston. From Brindisi—Mr. England. From Singapore—Mr. J. N. White. From Hongkong—Mrs. Groundwater, Mr. Jacob Holm, Surgeon A. Woolcombe, Surgon A. H. Feremy, Messrs. Tavachi Shirasu, Cambefort, Danjour, Miss Neal, Messrs. W. H. Giller, C. H. Pacquet, P. Pascua, J. Encarnacion, C. Francke, G. H. Taylor, Dr. C. Rossler, Viscount De Cloet, Capt. Labrousse, and Mr. H. Colibran.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	*From.*	*Due.*
Strathgyle	Moji	To-morrow
Preussen	Shanghai	May 14th
Silesia	Moji	May 14th
Monmouthshire	Japan	May 14th
Doric	Shanghai	May 15th
Sachsen	Singapore	May 15th
Ardandearg	Manila	May 15th
Sanuki Maru	Kobe	May 16th
Hiroshima Maru	Singapore	May 18th
India	Singapore	May 19th
Royalist	Singapore	May 19th
Indus	Singapore	May 20th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco	May 23rd
Braemar	Portland, Or.	May 26th
Empress of China	Vancouver	May 29th
City of Rio de Jan.	San Francisco	June 1st

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information every day.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	*Destination.*	*Date.*
Agamemnon	London	June 12th
Airlie	Sydney, &c.	May 31st
Alcinous	London	May 15th
Ambria	Havre, &c.	June 21st
America Maru	San Francisco, &c.	June 26th
Bamberg	Havre, &c.	May 19th
Bayern	Straits, &c.	July 12th
Belgian King	San Diego, &c.	June 20th
Braemar	Portland, &c.	June 9th
Chelydra	Singapore, &c.	May 17th
China	San Francisco, &c.	May 16th
City of Peking	San Francisco, &c.	July 5th
City of Rio	San Francisco, &c.	June 9th
Coptic	San Francisco, &c.	June 19th
Doric	San Francisco, &c.	May 23rd
Drummond	New York	June 10th
Duke of Fife	Victoria, B.C.	May 15th
Emp. China	Vancouver, &c.	June 6th
Emp. India	"	June 27th
Emp. Japan	"	May 16th
Freiburg	Havre, &c.	July 6th
Futami Maru	Japan	May 26th
Gaelic	San Francisco, &c.	July 14th
Glenogle	Victoria, B.C.	July 3rd
Haitan	Swatow, &c.	May 13th
Hakata Maru	Marseilles, &c.	June 1st
Hamburg	Straits, &c.	May 30th
Hiroshima Maru	Japan	May 22nd
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco, &c.	July 21st
Idomeneus	Liverpool	May 24th
Japan	London	May 22nd
Kasuga Maru	Sydney, &c.	May 25th
König Albert	Straits, &c.	Aug. 9th
Maidzuru Maru	Swatow, &c.	May 13th
Marie Jebsen	Samarang, &c.	May 15th
Miike Maru	Bombay, &c.	May 25th
Mikawa Maru	Shanghai, &c.	May 22nd
Monmouthshire	Portland, &c.	May 19th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco, &c.	May 31st
Oldenburg	Straits, &c.	June 28th
Patroclus	London	May 29th
Preussen	Straits, &c.	May 16th
Prinz Heinrich	Straits, &c.	Sept. 6th
Queen Adelaide	Victoria, B.C.	July 25th
Sachsen	Straits, &c.	June 14th
Sambia	Havre, &c.	June 30th
Sanuki Maru	Marseilles, &c.	May 18th
Sarnia	Havre, &c.	June 6th
Silesia	Singapore, &c.	May 15th
Strathgyle	San Diego, &c.	May 20th
Stuttgart	Straits, &c.	July 26th
Thyra	San Diego, &c.	July 20th
Tsinan	Port Darwin, &c.	May 15th
Weimar	Straits, &c.	Aug. 23rd

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 190.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on

MONDAY,
the 14th day of May, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 21st April, 1900. [591b

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 14th day of May, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Stone Nullah Lane, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft. ft. ft. ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 1585	Stone Nullah Lane	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 198.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on

MONDAY,
the 14th day of May, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 28th April, 1900. [592b

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 14th day of May, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of Three Lots of CROWN LAND, at Hung Hom, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft. ft. ft. ft.		$	$
1	222	Hung Hom Inland Lot No.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	223	Do.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	224	Do.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Notice of Firm.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE CO.

NOTICE.

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HOTZ, S'JACOB & CO.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [422b

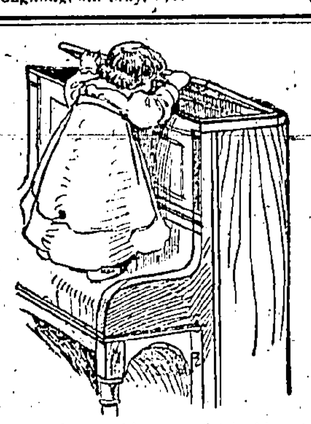
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Hongkong, 8th May, 1900 [21



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Hongkong, 10th May, 1900. [606b

Intimations.

TUESDAY NIGHT, Last Night of the DALLAS Co. in "THE FRENCH MAID."

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB, on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 8 P.M.

Members intending to be present are requested to send in their Names to the HONORARY SECRETARY on or before FRIDAY, the 18th instant.

The Secretary will be glad to receive the Names of Devonians wishing to join the Society.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong Club.
Hongkong, 10th May, 1900. [607b

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd May, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [577b

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1900, at 12.10 in the afternoon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from $100,000 to $209,000 by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of $10 each.
2. That the New Shares be issued at such time or times and at such premium as the Directors may determine.
3. That the New Shares be allotted to such persons and upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may determine.

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [578b

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1900, at 12.15 in the afternoon, when the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION will be proposed.

Should the said Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

"That the Regulations contained in Table A in so far as they apply to this Company be altered as follows:

That the following clause be substituted for Clause 37 of Table A: "The quorum "for all the purposes of a General Meeting shall be not less than five members "present in person or by proxy. No "business shall be transacted at any "General Meeting unless the quorum "requisite be present at the commencement of the business."

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [579b

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Parties who were Holders of Shares on the 4th May, and who wish to apply for the New Issue of Capital must Register their Holdings on or before the 21st May.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1900. [586b

SANITARY BOARD.

THE Attention of Owners of House Property in the Colony is directed to the Requirements of Section 7 of Ordinance No. 34 of 1899 with regard to the Provision of a Backyard for every existing domestic building, and to the fact that these Backyards must be provided before the 1st day of June, 1900.

By Order,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Acting Secretary, Sanitary Board.
Sanitary Board Office,
Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [599b

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the year 1899 has been declared.

Warrents will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b

WANTED.

A COPY of the Local "HANSARD," 1891-2.

Address:—
J. J. F.
Office of This Paper.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1900.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely, Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1900. [600b

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SANUKI MARU..... W. Townsend	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 18th May, at Daylight.
HIROSHIMA MARU S. Yoshizawa	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA...	TUESDAY, 22nd May, at Daylight.
MIKAWA MARU M. Takahashi	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	TUESDAY, 22nd May, at 4 P.M.
MIKE MARU S. Kawamura.....	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 25th May, at Noon.
KASUGA MARU E. W. Haswell	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 25th May, at 4 P.M.
FUTAMI MARU..... J. Thom	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 26th May, at Noon.
HAKATA MARU F. L. Sommer	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 1st June, at Daylight.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [6

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
BAMBERG Jacobs	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG).	19th May.	Freight.
SARNIA Fuchs	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	6th June.	Freight and Passage.
AMBRIA Burmeister	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 21st June.	Freight.
SAMBIA G. Schmidt.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 30th June.	Freight.
FREIBURG Feyen	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 6th July.	Freight.

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Agents.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 26th June, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 21st July, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"NIPPON MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1900.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Wednesday, 16th May, at Daylight.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 9th June, at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Thursday, 5th July, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Franscisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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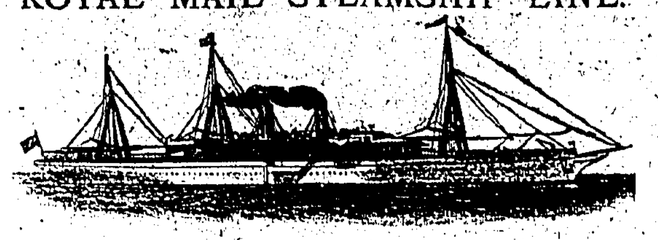
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C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1900 [5

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.
EMPRESS OF INDIA ...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 27th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1900. [3

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Duke of Fife	3,821	J. S. Cox.....	May 15
.....			June 2
Glenogle	3,750	W.-Frakes...	July 3
Queen Adelaide	2,832	F. McNair...	July 25

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FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire	2,874	W.A.Evans	May 19
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Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1900. [4

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, &c.

Strathgyle.....	5,023	Sunday	May 20
Belgian King ...	3,379	about	June 20
Thyra.....	3,812	about	July 20

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE,"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For futher information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [28

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Wednesday, 23rd May, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Tuesday, 19th June, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Saturday, 14th July, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at Noon.

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Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1900. [2

GO and SEE "THE FRENCH MAID" at the THEATRE ROYAL, on TUESDAY NIGHT.

For Sale.

FOR SALE AT TIENTSIN, NORTH CHINA.

LARGE BUSINESS PREMISES on the TAKU ROAD within easy reach of the bund. The Premises consist of a Six-roomed Bungalow, Three Large Godowns, one with a double storey and flat roof suitable for drying purposes, Compradore's Quarters and Offices, one Brick House, several Out-buildings and all necessary adjuncts to business. One Godown contains a Hydraulic Press, Engine, &c.

For particulars apply to
J. T. SKOTTOWE,
Land, Estate, and General Commission Agents,
Tientsin,
North China.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [466b

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [30

IN A CONNING-TOWER.

The Self-Respecting Blue Jacket—A German Atheist—The Sailors' Telephone—What the Naval Guns meant to Ladysmith—The Salt of the Earth.

LADYSMITH, December 6th.

"There goes that stinker on Gun Hill," said the captain. "No, don't get up; have some draught beer.

I did have some draught beer.

"Wait and see if he fires again. If he does we'll go up into the conning-tower, and have both guns in action-toge——".

Boom! The captain picked up his stick.

"Come on," he said.

We got up out of the rocking-chairs, and went past the swinging meat-safe, under the big canvas of the ward-room, with its table piled with stuff to read. Trust the sailor to make himself at home. As we passed through the camp the bluejackets rose to a man and lined up trimly on either side. Trust the sailor to keep to his self-respect, even in five weeks' beleaguered Ladysmith.

Up a knee-loosening ladder of rock, and we came on to the green hill-top, where they first had their camp. Among the orderly trenches, the sites of the departed tents, were rougher irregular blotches or holes—footprints of shell.

"That gunner," said the captain waving his stick at Surprise Hill, "is a German." Nobody but a German atheist would have fired on us at breakfast, lunch and dinner the same Sunday. It got too hot when he put one ten yards from the cook. Anybody else we could have spared; then we had to go."

We come to what looks like a sandbag redoubt, but in the eyes of heaven is a conning-tower. On either side, from behind a sandbag epaulement, a 12-pounder and a Maxim thrust forth vigilant eyes. The sandbag plating of the conning-tower was six feet thick and shoulder-high; the rivets were red earth, loose but binding; on the parapets sprouted tufts of grass unabashed and rejoicing in the summer weather. Against the parapet leaned a couple of men with the clean-cut, clean-shaven jaw and chin of the naval officer, and half-a-dozen bearded blue jackets. They stared hard out of sun-puckered eyes over the billows of kopje and veldt.

Forward we looked down on the one 4.7: aft we looked up to the other. On bow and beam and quarter we looked out to the enemy's fleet. Deserted Pepworth's was on the port-bow, Gun Hill under Lombard's Kop, on the starboard, Bulwan abeam, Middle Hill astern, Suprise Hill on the port-quarter.

Every outline was cut in adamant.

The Helpmakaar Ridge, with its little black ants a-crawl on their hill, was crushed flat beneath us.

A couple of vedettes racing over the pale green plain northward looked as if we could jump on their heads. We could have tossed a biscuit over to Lombard's Kop. The great yellow emplacement of their fourth big piece on Gun Hill stood up like a Spithead Fort. Through the big telescope that swings on its pivot in the centre of the tower you could see that the Boers were loafing round it dressed in dirty mustard-colour.

"Left-hand Gun Hill fired, sir," said a blue jacket, with his eyes glued to binoculars. "At the balloon"—and presently we heard the weary pinions of the shell, and saw the little puff of white below.

"Ring up Mr. Halsey," said the Captain.

Then I was aware of a sort of tarpaulin cupboard under the breastwork, of creeping trails of wire on the ground, and of a couple of sappers.

The corporal turned down his page of *Harmsworth's Magazine* laid it on the parapet, and dived under the tarpaulin.

Ting-a-ling-a-ling! buzzed the telephone bell.

The gaunt up-towering mountains, the long, smooth, deadly guns—and the telephone bell!

The mountains and the guns went out, and there floated in that roaring office of the *Daily Mail* instead, and the warm, rustling vestibule of the playhouse on a December night. This is the way we make war now; only for the instant it was half joke and half home-sickness. Where were we? What were we doing.

"Right-hand Gun Hill fired, sir," came the even voice of the bluejacket. "At the balloon."

"Captain wants to speak to you, sir," came the voice of the sapper from under the tarpaulin.

Whistle and rattle and pop went the shell in the valley below.

"Give him a round both guns together," said the Captain to the telephone.

"Left-hand Gun Hill fired, sir," said the bluejacket to the captain.

Nobody cared about left-hand Gun-Hill, he was only a 4.7 howitzer; every glass was clamped on the big yellow emplacement.

"Right-hand Gun Hill is up, sir."

Bang, coughs the forward gun below us, bang, coughs the after-gun overhead. Every glass clamped on the emplacement.

"What a time they take!" sighs a lieutenant—then a leaping cloud a little in front and to the right.

"Damn!" sighs a peach-cheeked midshipman, who——

"Oh, good shot!" For the second has landed just over and behind the epaulement.

"Has it hit the gun?"

"No such luck," says the captain: he was down again five seconds after we fired.

And the men had all gone to earth, of course.

Ting-a-ling-a-ling!

Down dives the sapper, and presently his face reappears, with "Headquarters to speak to you, Sir." (What the captain said to Headquarters is not to be repeated by the profane; the captain knows his mind, and speaks it. As soon as that was over, ting-a-ling again.

"Mr. Halsey wants to know if he may fire again, sir."

"He may have one more," for shell is still being saved for Christmas.

It was all quite unimportant and probably quite ineffective. At first it staggers you to think that mountain-shaking bang can have no result; but after a little experience and thought you see it would be a miracle if it had. The emplacement is a small mountain in itself; the men have run out into holes. Once in a thousand shots you might hit the actual gun and destroy it—but shell is being saved for Christmas.

If the natives and deserters are not lying and the sailors really hit Pepworth's Long Tom, then that gunner may live on his exploit for the rest of his life.

"We trust we've killed a few men," says the capt. in cheerily "but we can't hope for much more."

And yet, if they never hit a man, this handful of sailors have been the saving of Ladysmith. You don't know, till you have tried it, what a worm you feel when the enemy is plugging shell into you and you can't possibly plug back. Even though they spared their shell it made all the world of difference to know that the sailors could reach the big guns if they ever became unbearable. It makes all the difference to the Boers, too, I suspect; for as soon as Lady Lynne or Bloody Mary gets on to them they shut up in a round or two. To have the very men among you makes the difference between rain-water and brine.

The other day they sent a 12-pounder up to Caesar's Camp under a boy who, if he were not commanding big men round a big gun in a big war, might with luck be in the fifth form. "There's a 94-pounder up there," said a high officer, who might first have been his grandfather.

"All right, sir" said the child serenely, "we'll knock him out."

He hasn't knocked him out yet, but he is going to next shot, which in a siege is the next best thing.

In the meantime he has had his gun's name, "Lady Ellen," neatly carved on a stone and put up on his emplacement. Another gunpit bears the golden legend "Princess Victoria Battery," on a board elegant beyond the dreams of suburban preparatory schools. A regiment would have had no point or goldleaf; the sailors always have everything. They carry their home with them, self-subsisting, self-relying. Even as the constant bluejacket says, "Right Gun Hill up, sir," there floats from below ting-ting, ting-ting, ting.....

Five bells!

The rock-rendering double bang floats over you unheard; the hot iron hills swim away.

Five bells—and you are on deck swishing through cool blue water among white-clad ladies in long chairs, going home.

O Lord, how long?

But the sailors have not seen home for two years, which is two less than their usual spell. This is their holiday.

"Of course, we enjoy it," they say, almost apologising for saying so; "we so seldom get a chance.

The Royal Navy is the salt of the sea and the salt of the earth also. From the late G. *From the late G. W. Steevens in "From Capetown to Ladysmith.*

A SHANGHAI BOY FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

"If I were going to have a war to-morrow there's one man I wouldn't have in it, and that's Buller."

"And why not?"

"Oh, Buller's not half as nice as Roberts, or French, or Rhodes. He'd never take off his hat to the young ladies of the Company, and the others always did."

The admirer of "the others" spoke with authority for, although he cannot boast of more than fourteen years, the last two of these have been spent in South Africa, about which he has much that is interesting to relate, especially with regard to the great events which have been taking place there since October. The young gentleman is Master John Vincent Murphy, son of an old and much respected servant of the Municipal Council, Mr. P. V. Murphy of the Tax Department. It will be remembered by many of our readers that when Pollard's Liliputian Operatic Company was here in the spring of 1897, young Murphy joined the combination and after a week or two of training, appeared with much success in the Lyceum in the character of *Gobo* in *Les Cloches*. His fitness for a theatrical life was so immediately apparent that great things were predicted for him by the local critics, predictions which would seem to have been fairly well realised in his career ever since. In due season the Liliputians closed their engagement in Shanghai, and set out on an extended tour, throughout the whole of which Master Johnny has been one of the Company's leading members. Hongkong, Singapore, Burma, India and Mauritius were visited in turn by the youthful mummers, and finally their destiny led them to South Africa, where they continued playing in various regions until the War broke out and compelled Mr. Pollard to dissolve his Company under rather exciting circumstances, about which Johnny has a great deal that is interesting to say. He is an exceedingly bright, well-grown and engaging lad, full of enthusiasm for his profession, and brimming over with reminiscences of Kimberley, Mafeking, Pretoria and all the other places which have become so famous during the past few months. As might only be expected from a boy who has passed through such exciting vicissitudes, on being asked by a representative of this paper if he would like to relate a few of his experiences for publications he immediately began to disburden himself of stories of the War, and his views of the leaders in the struggle, their tactics and capabilities, at a rate that would have filled the columns of half-a-dozen papers in as many minutes. Starting out with his estimate of General Buller above recorded, he proceeded to state what he thought of the other Generals, Boer and British and their dealing with the Liliputian Company somewhat in the following terms:—

"We arrived in Delgoa Bay from Mauritius in February, 1898, played some time to the Portuguese there and then went to Algoa Bay. From there we went to Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Kimberley, Queenstown, Grahamstown, East London and Port Elizabeth, drawing big houses at all these places and having a splendid time. We had to work hard, of course, and learn a great many pieces, and most of the time we were not studying new parts we had to be doing our lessons. But in spite of all this we had plenty of amusement, and everybody was very kind to us. People were constantly asking us out everywhere and if they were nice people Mr. Pollard always let us go, so that we all made very many friends, got splendid presents and altogether enjoyed ourselves very much. From Port Elizabeth we went down to Cape Town, where we played three months, and then went up-country again to all the places we had been in on the way down from Delgoa Bay. We were in Johnnesburg when the War broke out, playing "The Belle of New York" at the Standard Theatre. The people in the Company then were, Mr. Willie Pollard, Mr. Ernie Pollard, Mr. Arther Pollard, Mr. Aharlie Pollard, Mr. Harry Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Chester and Miss. May Pollard, who had come out to teach us "The Belle." These were all the grown-up people, and the Liliputians were, Annie Moore, Annie Pollard, Elsie Norwood, Nettie and Neille Findlay, Irene Goulding, Alice Gibert, Lily Stewart, Emma Pendleton, Violet Marden, Sadie Musgrove, Jessie Ford, Moira Mansuch, Minnie and May Topping, Winnie Lea, Eva Gidley, Alice Burnetta, Marie Sheddon, Ruby Fuller, May Chester, Dolly Pollard, Alf. Goulding, Willie Stewart, Bertie Clifton, Willie Chester, Howie Sheddon, Bennia Musgrove and myself. For many weeks before the War we could see the Boers riding about the town every day with their guns and cannons, but there was no great excitement. Mr. Pollard thought it best for us to leave Johannesburg, so we went to Pretoria, the Standard Theatre, in which we had been playing, being turned into a hospital. We had only been three days at Pretoria when the Boers gave us notice to quit, and although we had intended to stay three weeks we had to get out and go to Kimberley. In Kimberley we found another Company playing, so we had to wait for the Theatre, and while we were waiting the principal members of our Company, myself included, went up to Bulowayo and gave a little show there. While playing at Bulowayo we heard there was severe fighting at Kimberley and Mr. Pollard thought it best for us to get down to Cape Town as soon as possible. So we set out and went on all-right at first, but as we were drawing near to Kimberley we were chased by a Boer armoured train. The Boers saw our boxes on the trucks and thought we were carrying ammunition, and they fired three shell at us, but our train was not hit. We got into Kimberley all right and were just making ready to play "The Mikado" when we heard a lot of whistles blowing and shouting in the streets and people running about. Then shots were fired and Mr. Pollard rushed into the dressing-rooms of the theatre and told us we would have to get out at once,—that we had not five minutes to spare. Everybody then began to run about and collect the wardrobes and scenery, and the girls all screamed, and I tried to drag my box and Eva Gidley's box down stairs, but fell over them and rolled from the top to the bottom of the stairway. We all managed to get away safely, but the scenery and things had to be left behind while we ran to the railway station. Enormous crowds of people were trying to get away and we had to choose between third-class carriages and cattle-trucks. We took the third-class carriages and set out for Cape Town. We had a most exciting journey and our train was the last that crossed the Modder River bridge before it was blown up. The Boers waited until we had passed and when we had got some distance away we heard the crash of the explosion. Then the girls began to scream again, and the guard came along and told us we could have no lights in the train. At De Aar the Boers stopped us and searched us and we were obliged to wait three weeks before they would let us proceed. They were very friendly with the boys and girls everywhere, and used to give us sweets and ask us to sing for them. They always speak in a queer way through their noses, and are just as funny people as the Kaffirs. From De Aar we went to Colesburg, where we were again stopped, the Boers taking all the trucks away from the train to carry their ammunition. Finally we got to Cape Town all right, but with hardly any clothes. In fact a good many of the children were in rags, so we got up performances to get money to buy what we wanted. At last Mr. Pollard broke up the Company and sent us all home. We were very sorry to part from one another because we had always been very good friends. I was sent home first-class, transhipping, first at Calcutta and then at Hongkong, where I got on board the *Coromandel* and came up to Shanghai.

I saw everything that was to be seen in South Africa. At Cape Town I saw all the wounded soldiers coming down from the front, and at Pretoria I saw President Kruger, who is not a bad old chap at all. He was introduced to us and gave us all chocolate at the Theatre in boxes with a picture of himself on the lid. He asked us all out to his place to tea and to show his wife, but when we got there they had nothing for us to drink but strong coffee. Mrs. Chester wouldn't let us have it, so we had to come away without anything. Cecil Rhodes was also very kind to us at Kimberley and Lord Roberts was just splendid. In Pretoria they are putting up a grand marble statue to Kruger, but the head is not on it yet and some of the boys, like Alf. Goulding and Willie Stewart, think that in the end Queen Victoria's head will be put on instead.—*C. Gazette.*

THE KOREAN GENTLEMAN.

The calm and composure that environs a Korean gentleman, says the Rev. J. S. Gile, is one of the mysteries of the Orient. Embarrassed he may be by a thousand debts, and threatened by a hungry wolf through every chink in his mud cabin, yet the placidity of his life continues unruffled. He is master of a composure that forms the groundwork of other characteristics. From Confucius he has learned to mortify every natural impulse, and to move as though he acted his part on a stage, where a single misdirected smile or thoughtless measure would upset the greatest play on record. His choicest word is *yei* meaning "proper form." If he only keeps *yei*, he may offend against every command in the decalogue, and still be a superior man—in fact, may be perfectly holy. If he breaks *yei*, he is covered with confusion, and counts himself the vilest of the vile. *Yei*, of couse, is Confucianism. If you speak a word in disparagement of *yei*, the gentleman is frantic, forgetting *yei* altogether for the moment in his effort at violence.

Anything that interferes with the rigid fulfilment of *yei* is of course to be avoided, for which reason no gentleman indulges in manual labor, or in fact, in labor of any kind. His life consists in one supreme command of coolie service, while the coolie responds to every order. The lighting of his pipe, or the rubbing of ink on the inkstones, must be done for him. Down to the simplest requirement of life he does nothing, as his hands become soft, and his finger nails grow long. From constant sitting his bones seem to disintegrate, and he becomes almost a mollusc before he passes middle life.

Not all the gentry, by any means, are scholars, though they ought to be, if they came up to the standard of Confucian requirement. Those who have attained to this are marked and honored men; they are all but worshipped by the mass of the people, and are given the freedom of every city in the kingdom; they are admitted as distinguished guests into the presence of the highest, free of pass. Chinese characters seem to have for these few a consuming fascination. Not so much the thought conveyed, as the character itself seems the object of veneration. From them he builds (chita) forms of expression and verses, as a child builds an enchanted castle from blocks of different sizes; and as there is no limit to the variations and combinations possible, so there is no limit to the charm they possess. Two scholars can find sufficient to interest them for a single day in a single character, and as there are in use some 20,000 characters, they have a fund of interest to draw on that will last for half a century.

The impecuniosity of the Korean gentleman is also a profound mystery. I have figured for years on the question as to how an idle man, with nothing left to-day, shall outlive to-morrow; but he lives, dresses just as well, and misses none of his meals. He will tell you frankly that the last of his hopes for a livelihood has perished, he is financially a total wreck, and his present conditions is a clinging to the rocks, where he is in momentary peril of the devouring element. You are exercised deeply on his behalf; much more deeply, you learn later, than he himself is. Months pass, and he is still in the same condition—a condition *in extremis*, no better, no worse. By way of encouragement I have said: "You have managed to eat and live for a month or more on nothing; just continue on in the same manner, and you will do very well." "Eat and live," says he, "of course; you would not expect me to lie down and die, would you?" And he leaves in disgust, *feeling that the delicate points of an Oriental* question can never penetrate the shell which encases the barbarian's brain.

The fact that tradesmen and business people are regarded as low, encourages the Korean gentleman to neglect thought and training on this line. He is a veritable child in business. Many a foreigner trusts his affairs to his native teacher, and wonders why they should turn out so unsatisfactorily in the hands of a native. If business must be transacted, an honest "boy" will quite outdo, in executive skill the best and most honest scholar.

Not only in business but in other affairs of life, the Korean gentleman is a master of inaccuracy. He pretends to be absolutely certain of everything under the sun, and no subject ever daunts him, or is beyond his ability to elucidate. The slightest clue gives him a key to the whole; merely let him see the smoke from the funnel, and he will explain to you the why and wherefore of a steam engine. He will tell you what a comet's tail is composed of, or what color the dog is that causes the eclipse of the moon. He compares the minor details of his life about him with what went on in the days of King Sun—a contemporary of Noah—with as much assurance as we would talk of the events of yesterday. The new arrival in the Land of Morning Calm begins to think what a marvel of information this man is, and what a fund of accurate knowledge he has acquired—and he a heathen, too. It is only when you put his statements to the test that you find he is astray in everything. But the rarest accident he may be right, but it is the exception. He has no intention of deceiving you. The defect lies in the fact that there is something radically wrong with his manner of reasoning and of putting two and two together.

He has a profound contempt for woman, speaking of her generally as *kechip* or female. He takes for his wife the one his father bargains for, raising no question as to her looks, health, or avoirdupois. She is a subject altogether beneath the consideration of a member of the male sex, with its massive understanding. She is relegated to the inclosure and leads a secluded life. He refers to her as *kosik*, (what-you-may-call her), or *keni* (she) and never loses an opportunity of showing how little is the place she occupies in his extensive opperations. If the truth were told, however, we would know that the little woman, within that enclosure is by no means the cypher he pretends her to be, but that she is really mate and skipper of the entire institution, and that no man was ever more thoroughly under petticoat government than this same Korean gentleman.

His prime object in life is to have a son who will sacrifice to his shades when he is dead and gone. The boy is expected to obey his father implicitly. If he but develops that trait, he may grow up to be quite as useless, or more so, than his sire, and yet be a model man. If no son is born to him, he adopts a newphew or near relative as the best substitute under the circumstances. But the stranger never wholly takes the place of the real son, who is regarded in this life as his strong right arm, and in the life to come as his eternal satisfaction.

A marked characteristic of a Korean gentleman's home is its entire respectability. There is frankness and freedom of speech, but no looseness; and few conditions exist that would offend in the best ordered Western household. Strange to say, in a home where there are a number of concubines, propriety and good order obtain. I once made a journey to Japan with a strict and devout Korean Confucianist, Mr. Cheung. He had learned much of Christ and Christianity, and while he assented to, and rejoiced in, whatever of it agreed with his ancient faith, he remained a Confucianist as firm an ever. We took ship in one of the ports of Korea and started for Japan. He had heard of the adoption of Western life and customs in the Sunrise Kingdom, and was desirous of seeing something of the benefits it would confer upon a race. The first thing he saw was the depravity of the women—"selling themselves," said he, "before the eyes of onlookers and for copper money, too." A year's residence in the country confirmed him in the belief that what he had seen was not the exception but a national trait. "When women are so depraved the men must be equally so. They know nothing of Confucius, no fear of God before their eyes. Western civilization merely tends to make their depraviiy more exceedingly depraved." He lived as in a kind of nightmare—horrorstricken by nudity and obscenity such as he had never dreamed of in his isolated kingdom. He saw two drunken English and American sailors and the so-called respectables, whose life was but a whirl of pleasure seeking. "Your Christ," said he, "has but a meager hold upon you after all." He had put off his dress and laid aside his topknot, but his heart remained still faithful to the garments of his ancient faith. The more he saw of life abroad the more he sighed for his straw roof and mud hut, where modesty and virtue had honor still and where life was lived with some degree of regard for the teachings of the ancient sages.

So he passed from us, one of the last and most unique remains of a civilization that has lived its day. His composure, his mastery of self, his moderation, his kindliness, his scholarly attainments, his dignity, his absolute good-for-nothingness or better, unfitness for the world he lived in,—all combine to make a mystery of humanity that you cannot but feel kind toward and deeply interested in.—*S. D. Press.*

CRONJE'S NEW HOME.

NAPOLEON'S SUCCESSOR ON THE LITTLE ISLAND NEARLY 1,000 MILES FROM ANYWHERE.

Since the opening of the Suez Canal, St. Helena, that absurd little island in the Atlantic, 1,140 miles from Africa, and 1800 from America, has had absolutely no luck at all. Its population and its trade have both declined, the former from 6,500 to 5,000 and the latter from £15,000 to £10,000.

As a port of call it used to flourish amazingly in the days of the old East India route, round by the Cape of Good Hope; but now-a-days save for an occasional tramp steamer and the periodical mail boats, there is practically no development at all connected with its shipping trade.

True, during the past few weeks St. Helena has been put into telegraphic communication with London and Capetown, by means of the recent completion of the new West Coast cable. This is, after all; only a mitigated boon, and the only folks likely to profit thereby for some time to come are Mr. Cronje and family.

St. Helena is a great place for caves and hills. Both abound, particularly the latter. Geologically speaking, the island is largely, if not wholly, volcanic, and a lot of extinct craters are apparent. Some of the pinnacles, have queer names, such as Lot's Wife, the Man and Horse, the Asses' Ears, Holdfast Tom, Old Joan Point, Stone Top, etc.

The only inhabited place is Jamestown, which has a population of about 2,500. It lies in a deep valley surrounded by very high hills. It is not a

PATICULARLY HEALTHY PLACE.

Ladder Hill is where Government House is situated. It is so called because of the almost precipitous ladder-like wooden stairs by which its activity of 600 feet has to be scaled.

Nearly four miles inland from Jamestown is an isolated farmhouse, on an elevated plateau about 2,000 ft. above the sea. This is Longwood, where Napoleon lived from 1815 until he died there in 1821. The house is a long, low, whitewashed, fairly trim building, with extensive outhouses, some rather fine old trees, and a good bit of decent farm land. It is not known whether Cronje will be housed at this historic spot, and it would seem inadvisable to distort the associations of the place by the mere suggestion of invidious comparisons. Still, there are not many other residences in the island which could offer similar conveniences.

The historical precedent which is involved by the advent of Mr. Cronje and his belongings will no doubt give rise to a deal of controversy, and there will not be wanting those who will look upon it as an aspersion upon the great Napoleon.

However this may be, the incursion into the island of a horde of Boer farmers, numbering nearly as many as the normal population of place, will create an extraordinary state of affairs, which will not be without interest to impartial observers. Probably not 2 per cent. of the Boers have ever been at sea before, and it is certain that they will all be extremely sea-sick.

The exact date of Napoleon's landing was October 16th, 1815, and he spent

HIS FIRST NIGHT ON SHORE

at the little house nestling at the foot of the hills almost facing the sea. On the next day he climbed the ladder and took possession of Longwood, where for six weary monotonous years he dragged out a life which he himself compared to that of a vegetable rather than that of a man.

The Governor of the island at that time was Sir Hudson Lowe, and the ex-Dictator called him his gaoler, and spoke anything but kindly of him in his memoirs. The air of St. Helena cannot have been conducive to clear vision or unimpaired recollection on the part of the great man, for, in his writings, which are by way of memoirs of men and things, he deliberately distorts history in a manner which one would have thought he would know must have been patent to all those who read them.

Still, the writing of these studies in exile occupied the illustrious prisoner for a long while, and filled up all the time he could spare from quarrelling with Sir Hudson Lowe and others. His doctor, and the occasional visitors to the island, had strange and not altogether edifying tales to tell of the undignified perseiseness which Napoleon assumed while a prisoner.

From the date of his death, May 5, 1821, until 1840 his remains were buried in St. Helena. During the latter year they were removed to France and deposited, as every one knows, in the Hotel des Invalides.

Such, in brief, is the story of St. Helena and its most celebrated inhabitant. When General Cronje is deported thither, it will either be the greatest honour ever conferred upon that rather undistinguished person, or it will be the greatest insult offered to the great Napoleon. Perhaps it will be both.—*Advocate of India.*

LORD KITCHENER AT SCHOOL.

Ever since Shakespeare wrote that the boy is father to the man, it has been the fortune or misfortune of great men to have their early days adorned with wondrous stories of their precociousness. Then there are exceptions to prove the rule that men of mark have often given no evidence in their boyhood of their ability lying dormant is amply exemplified by the Duke of Wellington. He was a dull average boy, and one out of whose early years the indefatigable anecdote writer is able to gather nothing, except it be the fable of his having thrashed the youthful Napoleon Bonaparte. As a boy Lord Kitchener was also of the average, and what is more surprising still, when his present tireless activity is taken into account, was inclined to be lazy. His father, Colonel Kitchener who died within the last ten years, was a strict disciplinarian of a most autocratic temperament. While his son Herbert was at public school working for a certain examination, it was reported to the the colonel that he was idling. This angered him, and he told the future conqueror of the Mahdi that unless he succeeded in passing his examination he would take him away and send him to walk two-and-two in a dame's school, adding the further threat that if he failed then he would apprentice him to a hatter. In spite of these threats the embryo General failed. His father kept his word, and for some time Herbert Kitchener might have been seen in the "crocodile" of a certain worthy schoolmistress. But when he again went in for his examination he passed. If he had not there is little doubt that for a short time at any rate he might have been employed in the hat trade. For Colonel Kitchener was a severe man of his word, and a martinet of the old school, of which paternal characteristics Lord Kitchener of Khartoum has a large share.—*Hatter's Gazette.*

MAY MAN AND WOMAN BE FRIENDS?

Platonic friendship is the subject of a symposium in the March number of the *Lady's Realm*. Lady Violet Beauchamp strongly believes in the possibility and the reality of this "bond of mutual sympathetic interest" as good and necessary for man and for woman. F. Frankfort Moore denounces it in crisp and racy sentences: it is the penalty paid in age for the procrastination of youth. "It is the eggshell that is treasured by a man when some one else is eating the omelette." "It is Apollo in pyjamas." "It is offering a woman a loaf of bread when she is dying of thirst. It is offering a man a cup of water when he is dying of of hunger." "It is the shortest way to the Divorce Court." Miss Sybil Drummond thinks "ideal friedship" equally possible between man and woman as between men or women. Gertrude Atherton unmasks it as simply flirtation under another name, or playing with fire. "The man is quite sure to fire up." Safety lies in having a reasonable number of friends whose friendship is as impersonal as that of brother and sister. The Hon. Stuart Erskine declares all serious friendship between the sexes to be "mistaken, if not impossible, unless it takes place on a footing of love." Lady Helen Craven avows her private belief and experience to be that "there can be no sentiment between a man and a woman but love or indifference." Mrs. C. H. Fox conceives it possible, but only by the will of the woman. The man is generally willing and ready to cross the borderline of platonics.

William Garland, in the *Westminster Review*, finds the rarity of friendship between the sexes to be due, firstly, to the empty-mindedness of so many women, and, secondly, to their mortal dread of Mrs. Grundy. Only let women be bold enough to defy her, and wise enough to choose only men of high character for their friends, and the difficulties will be surmounted.

SELECTED MARRIAGES.

THE STATE AS MATCH-MAKER.

The desirability of improving the race by carefully selected marriages has long been talked about, and now the State of Colorado is going to set about the task. A Bill has been introduced into the Legislature permitting only healthy, well-developed and moral people to marry. Among its provisions are that the man must be at least twenty-five and the woman twenty-two; both must be free from consumption, epilepsy, asthma, or any blood disease, insanity, organic or hereditary, and drunkenness; they must not be more closely related than fourth cousins, and no certificate shall be granted for marriage to any who "shall have a notorious reputation, moral depravity, or who shall at the time of application for a marriage license be on trial, under bonds, or in prison to answer for a felony." To carry out this law a country board of medical examiners is to be formed, one of whose members must be a woman; and no certificate to marry can be granted until the man and woman have been examined by this board. Any attempt to deceive on any of these points is penalised by a legal clause.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GISELA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings Cargo:

From Venice, &c., *ex S.S. Massimiliano* transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be landed here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 14th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1900. [565b

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

"CHINA."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1900. [

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SOCOTRA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:

From London, &c., *ex S.S. Carthage.*

From Zanzibar, &c., *ex S.S. Assyria.*

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 A.M., TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 16th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1900. [

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BALLAARAT,"

FROM LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., *ex S.S. Himalaya.*

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1900. [5

Consignees.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SWANSEA, GLASGOW AND BIRKENHEAD.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAISOW,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1900. [583b

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHELYDRA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, the 14th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1900. [608b

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "DUKE OF FIFE," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Hongkong, May 12th.

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" D'ments, 4 months' sight	2/—
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ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.46
" Credits, 4 months' sight	2.50
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	47⅛
" Credits, 30 days' sight	48⅛
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	146
" On demand	164⅛
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71⅛
" Private, 30 days' sight	72¼ nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	3½ per cent. prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	$10.16
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	53.15
Bar Silver	27 9/16
Dollars	2 per cent. prem.

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, May 12th.

New Patna	970	per chest,
Old Patna	1,025	"
New Benares	985	"
Old Benares	960	"
New Malwa	900/920	per picul.
Old Malwa	930/960	"
Persian, paper tied	880/890	"

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(May 12th.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
Banks.		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	$125	302 % premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Preference)	£ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	£ 4	£1 buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	£ 1	£5.5 buyers
National Bank of China, Ld.	£ 8	$28
Do. Founders	£ 1	$20
Marine Insurances.		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ld.	$ 50	$250
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ld.	$ 25	$54
North China Ins. Co., Ld.	£ 25	Tls. 165
Yangtsze Ins. Assoc. Ld.	$ 60	$121
Canton Ins. Office, Ld.	$ 50	$130
Straits Ins. Co., Ld.	$ 20	$1
Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$ 50	$295
China Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$ 20	$80
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	$ 15	$39½
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Star Ferry Co., Ld.	$ 10	$18½
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Punjom Mining Preference Shares	$ 1	$1.20
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	$300
Queen Mines, Ld.	25 cts.	$0.20
Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ld.	$ 5	$13
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	15s. 6d.	$53½
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ld. A	$ 5	$4½
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West Point Building Co., Ld.	$ 50	$47
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld.	$ 50	$117
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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

AMAKA, British steamer, 1,553, C. J. Mattock, 7th May,—Saigon 3rd May, Rice and Flour.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

APENRADE, German steamer, 611, C. Bendixen, 11th May,—Touron and Quinhon 9th May, General.—Jebsen & Co.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,100, D. F. F. Lawrance, 10th May,—Shanghai via Wuhu 1st May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CARMARTHENSHIRE, British steamer, 1,878, C. H. Burch, 4th May,—Kobe and Moji 29th April, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHINA, American steamer, 3,187, W. B. Seabury, 6th May,—San Francisco 7th April, Yokohama 28th, and Shanghai 4th May, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

CHELYDRA, British steamer, 2,467, J. T. Davies, 9th May,—Calcutta 21st April, Penang and Singapore 4th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 2,100, Th. Nissen, 11th May,—Moji 5th May, Coal.—Siemssen & Co.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Petersen, 9th May,—Java 1st May, Sugar.—Siemssen & Co.

DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, R. Curtis, 17th April,—Saigon 13th April, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

DUKE OF FIFE, British steamer, 2,416, J. S. Coot, 11th May,—Tacoma and Yokohama 28th April, Flour.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, J. T. Douglas, 10th May,—Swatow 9th May, General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,774, L. Möller, 9th May,—Saigon 4th May, Rice.—Jebsen & Co.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, J. S. Roach, 11th May,—Foochow 8th May, Amoy 9th, and Swatow 10th, General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HATING, French steamer, 705, Bast, 11th May,—Haiphong and Hoihow 10th May, General.—A. R. Marty.

HOIHAO, French steamer, 509, J. C. Gerard, 7th May,—Pakhoi and Hoihow 6th May, General.—A. R. Marty.

HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985, C. Ipland, 7th May,—Saigon 3rd May, Rice and General.—Jebsen & Co.

HUE, French steamer, 704, P. Merlees, 9th May,—Haiphong and Hoihow 8th May, General.—A. R. Marty.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, A. Haltz, 12th April,—Samarang 3rd April, General.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

KEONG WAI, British steamer, 1,105, T. W. Groves, 9th May,—Bangkok 3rd May, Rice and Teak.—Norddeutcher Lloyd.

MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667, T. Ogata, 10th May,—Amoy and Swatow 9th May, General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, E. E. McLellan, 6th May,—Koh-si-chang 28th April, and Swatow 5th May, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, P. Brandt, 7th April,—Touron 5th April, Rice and General.—Siemssen & Co.

ROHILLA, British steamer, 2,216, C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R., 9th May,—Yokohama 2nd May, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ROMA, British steamer, 1,722, W. Storm, 7th May,—Cardiff 22nd March, Coal.—Order.

SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 690, J. R. Nasbet, R.N.R., 8th May,—Canton 7th May, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SIAM, British steamer, 992, H. N. Holton, 29th April,—Bangkok via Koh-si-chang 21st April, Rice and Timber.—Bradley & Co.

TAI LEE, German steamer, 828, T. Calender, 7th May,—Saigon 3rd May, General.—Meyer & Co.

TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson, 26th Mar.,—Melbourne 13th Feb., Sydney 27th, Townsville 3rd Mar., Thursday Island 8th, Port Darwin 11th, and Manila 23rd, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TATEGAMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,644, M. Tornœ, 10th May,—Moji 5th May, Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TSINAN, British steamer, 1,459, O. Anderson, 8th May,—Manila 5th May, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

WOSANG, British steamer, 1,127, R. Johns, 10th May,—Wuhu 6th May, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Sailing Vessels.

ESMERALDA, British schooner, 130, J. T. Harrison, 14th April,—Guam 26th March, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FRANZ, Danish bark, 358, Pedersen, 23rd April,—Barry 5th Oct., 1899, and Anjer 12th Feb., Coal.—E. A. Trading & Co.

GEO. T. HAY, British ship, 1,647, Spicer, 30th Mar.,—Manila, (P. I.) Mar., Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.

NORMA, British 4-masted bark, 1,999, D. McDonnell, 21st April,—Cardiff via Anjer 4th October, Coal.—Order.

RICKMER RICKMERS, German ship, 1,828, Azaates, 27th April,—Cardiff 23rd April, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SANTA CRUZ, American schooner, 150, O. Keefe, 14th April,—Yap 25th Mar., General.—Master.

WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1,800, E. C. Colley, 27th Mar.,—New York 28th Sept., Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

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